

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 28, 2006. Claims 1 and 12-16 are presented for examination. Claims 1 and 12-16 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 1 and 14 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in view of the term "capable." Applicant has deleted that term from independent Claims 1 and 14 and, therefore, respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1 and 12-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. The Office Action also objected to the phrase "the bitmap data" in lines 11-12 of Claims 1 and 14 on the ground that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this recitation in the claims. Further, the Office Action objected to the phrase "transferring the data" in line 12 of Claims 1 and 14 on the ground that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this recitation in the claims.

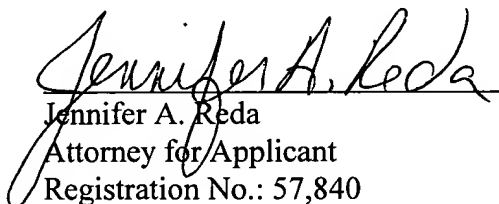
The claims have been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that they conform fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the points raised in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Applicant has clarified the correspondence between claim elements and the specification of the present application, i.e., "coded representation generation means" and "rendering means" in Claim 1 correspond to the band-coded representation forming unit 1041 and the rendering unit 1404 in Fig. 14, respectively. Also, "coding means" and "decoding means" correspond to the encoder 1501 and the decoder 1502 in Fig. 15, respectively.

It is believed that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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